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Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
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2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
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Re: Docket No. 980000A-SP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of Citizen's Request to Hold Public Hearings in Palm Beach County.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Fair and Reasonable )  
Basic Local Telecommunications )  
Rates )

Docket 980000A-SP  
Filed July 2, 1998

REQUEST TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Citizens of Florida ("Citizens"), by and through Jack Shreve, Public Counsel, request the Florida Public Service Commission to hold a public hearing in Palm Beach County, and in support thereof state the following:

1. Recently enacted legislation requires the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") to hold at least one public hearing in the service territory of each local telecommunications company to elicit public testimony concerning fair and reasonable residential local telephone rates. By February 15, 1999, the Commission must report its conclusions about residential local telephone rates to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

2. The Commission promulgated a schedule of twenty public hearings on this issue, but Palm Beach County is inexplicably missing from the schedule.

3. Residents in the Palm Beach County area have previously shown a keen interest in this topic. During Southern Bell's last rate proceeding, for example, more

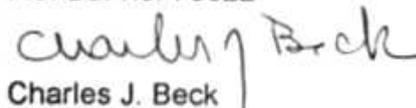
than 600 people packed the John I. Leonard High School auditorium in Lake Worth to voice their concerns about Southern Bell's rates. Many others were turned away from the hearing for lack of space.

4. Residents of Palm Beach County wish to have an input into the Commissioner's deliberations on this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Citizens respectfully request the Florida Public Service Commission to hold a public hearing concerning fair and reasonable residential local telephone rates in Palm Beach County.

Respectfully submitted,

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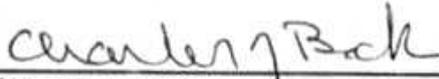
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